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Ho-Chunk Nation meets the Wisconsin Department of Health Services

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On Thursday, September 1, 2011, Representatives of the Ho-Chunk Nation met with Secretary Dennis Smith and Kitty Rhodes of the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services at the House of Wellness Alberta Day Room. The purpose of the meeting was to establish a good government to government relationship with the State of Wisconsin and to make the State aware of the recently passed Health Care Act. Costs of health care are rising and the Nation has to revisit its health care delivery system to maximize health care funding and improve health services to the tribal membership and our tribal communities.

A PowerPoint presentation shown by District 5 Representative Robert

Two Bears, President Jon Greendeer, Dr. Alec Thundercloud, and Attorney Samantha Greendeer, illustrated an overview on the Nation's history, Health Care Facilities, and what the Nation's current capabilities are. Dr.Thundercloud offered many scenarios of goals and ideas such as: a Planned census/health needs assessment Achieving 100 percent Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentage (FMAP), Waivers for Federal minimum (special health plan for Native Americans to maximize the federal dollars), pharmacy, and Behavioral Health.

While the presentation included a holistic approach to improving health care services, the Nation's representatives focused on achieving 100 percent FMAP. The Federal Medical

Assistance Percentages (FMAPs) are used in determining the amount of Federal matching funds for State expenditures for assistance payments for certain social services, and State medical and medical insurance expenditures. The Social Security Act requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to calculate and publish the FMAPs each year.

The "Federal Medical Assistance Percentages" are for Medicaid. Section 1905(b) of the Act specifies the formula for calculating Federal Medical Assistance Percentages.

Our Ho-Chunk Health Care system at both of our facilities in Black River Falls and Baraboo are what Dr. Alec Thundercloud referred to as one stop shop for a patient. For most tribal

members transportation is a key issue, so a tribal member will often schedule other appointments such as a Doctor's appointment to coincide with a dental screening, or eye exam, and then may have to pick up their prescription afterwards. While some health care facilities allow the billing to be separate, right now under the current model of Ho-Chunk Health Care the Nation is only allowed to submit billing as one entire visit. This is not the patients fault or responsibility; it is just the way our system was structured.

Working in conjunction with the State of Wisconsin, it gives the Nation a chance to work with revising the State Medicaid Plan, Identifying policy issues, and Coordinating with the State Medicaid

Director and CMS to split Medicaid encounters into seven categories of care – the State Health Provider Plan, to include categories such as medical, outpatient, pharmacy, dental, mental health, chemical dependency, and transportation. The Nation would be reimbursed for each service provided. Secretary Smith was very receptive to the Nation's idea to expand and improve inter governmental coordination. The Nation will follow up with the State's Department of Health on these and other substantive issues. These are realistic services that a sovereign nation can obtain for its membership.

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It's time to change the story about Indian Health

Submitted by
Rep. Robert Twobears

We live in funny times. People have ideas about health that are based on a retelling of stories – the kind we would tell our friends over coffee – and then they stick to that story, even when the data says something quite different.

Start with health care reform. The Kaiser family foundation reported in February that one in five American believe that the affordable care act has already been repealed. Another 26 percent are not sure. In other words just under half are not sure that the affordable care act is the “law of the land.” Drew Altman, the president of the Kaiser family foundation, put it this way: “I am seldom surprised by our poll findings, but this month’s tracking poll produced a doozy.”

Or how about this? A Harvard study, debating health election 2008. Found that Americans are not certain where our health care system ranks globally. Forty-five percent believe the U.S. has the best system; 39% believe other countries have better systems; and 15% don’t know or don’t answer. But this question also reflects an ideological division because nearly seven-in-ten republicans (or 68%) believe the U.S. health care system is the best in the world, compared to just three in ten

(32%) democrats and four in 10 (40%) independents who feel the same way.

The data is clear. We are nowhere close to offering the best health care in the world. But the story sticks because we ignore the data either because of our own experiences, or our own belief that when the time comes we will get first-rate care. We choose to focus on the very best elements of the U.S. health care system.

There is a double standard work here. While the narrative about the larger health care systems often focuses on its best elements, the story about Indian health shifts to the worst examples. The oft-repeated line “don’t get sick after June” defines a broken, poorly funded system that represents the worst in health care delivery.

It’s easy to think that way when we compare our health statistics to those of our neighbors – especially without context. But if we pull back and look at the arc of federal health care delivery over the last couple of decades or fifty years, then the story is one of remarkable success not failure. The transfer of Indian health services from the bureau of Indian affairs to the Indian health service is a great example. In 1955 doctors were quitting because the bureaucracy was intolerable and there was no consideration of the needs of

people. Indeed the new Indian Health Service started with a brilliant move: investing in sanitation and public health programs. (Something we now take for granted and complain about because it’s sometimes a slow process.) But over that first decade the Indian health service working with tribal governments built more than 400 water and waste disposal systems. The agency reported that “the people themselves have contributed more than one third of the total cost through donated labor, materials and funds.” That single idea resulted in an 80 percent reduction in gastrointestinal disease among American Indian and Alaskan natives since 1973.

Or jump ahead to the enactment of the Indian health care improvement act. At the Ford White House, Dr. Ted Marrs described the conditions of native people this way: “in 1974 the average age at death of Indians Alaska natives was 48.3. For white U.S. citizens the average age of death was 72.3. For others, the average age was 62.7.”

Think about that for a second. Life expectancy in 1974 was a little over 48 years old – compared to more than 72 for white Americans.

And now? The Centers for Disease Control report, “The AI/AN population has a life expectancy at birth that is 2.4 years less than that of all us

populations combined.” There is not a health care parity with the general population, not by a long shot, partly because of the chronic nature of so many diseases that afflict Indian country. And the federal funding gap is real (and potentially growing). But nonetheless by one important measure, “closing the existing gap in age at death,” has been improving over the four decades.

Why, then, is the narrative about the Indian health service so dismal? Because we are telling the wrong story. We need to talk about the elements of the system that are excellent – and insist on that as a goal for every community – rather than letting real shortcomings define the story.

The other story to tell is about cost. The Indian health system is sustainable, while the rest of the U.S. health care system is not. That one fact is critical to the story we tell.

Dr. Donald Berwick who now heads the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid for the Obama Administration put it this way: “The Indian Health Service can and will be one of the leading prototypes for health care in America. The Indian Health Service is trying to deliver the same or better care with half the funding of other systems in the United States.”

Berwick, and virtually every government official, admits that Indian Health Service needs more money – but at the same time he says the agency’s ability to execute is “stunning.” The very nature of the historical underfunding has resulted in a discipline that’s “an example for us all.”

One part of that story is

changing the name of our “system.” The Indian Health Service implies a federal government program. That no longer reflects reality. The Indian Health Service is now as much of a funding source than a direct health care operation. More than half of the Indian Health Service programs are operated by tribes or tribal organizations through self-determination or other contracts.

Across the country – and certainly across the Northwest – Tribes and organizations are redefining the notion of “system” in ways that ought to inspire communities everywhere. Practical applications of this creativity are being applied from the Coeur d’Alene Reservation in Idaho to the Jamestown S’Klallam community in Washington. I would add the Portland Area Indian Health Board to the reason why there’s another story to be told. The quality of data, analysis, information sharing, all builds on the idea that an excellent health care system is possible.

But first we need to reject the story about failure. It’s time to tell folks about what can be done.

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What does it mean “To Call the Question”?

It is sometimes assumed at Ho-Chunk meetings that if someone “calls for the question”, then it means that the item at hand must immediately be put up for vote.

To call the question is not historically the way Ho-Chunk’s decided issues. It is my understanding that at traditional meetings Ho-Chunks, like many Native American tribes, continued discussion until unanimity was reached; and no one ever interrupted an elder or asked him to shut up and sit down because they thought he had been speaking too long.

Actually, the concept of calling the question is taken from Robert’s Rules of Order. Formally it means “to move the previous question”. It is a motion to end debate and under Robert’s Rules, it requires a two-thirds vote

to pass. The reason for that is to protect the minority’s right to speak. Otherwise a group with a bare majority can choke off any discussion and ram through questionable business.

Robert’s Rules of Order is used by most serious deliberative bodies around the world. Groups can always adopt their own special rules but most bylaws include a clause stating “...any matter not covered by these bylaws will be handled using Robert’s Rules of Order”. I recommend that the Ho-Chunk Nation do the same.

It would be useful to have training courses on rules of procedure; for example, how to handle amendments to a motion or how to call for the immediate discussion of an item way down on the agenda.

Respectfully,
Kent Kirkwood

Team Ho-Chunk Nation completes Great River Ragnar Relay

By Kathleen Clemons, MS, CES, RCEP

Run, drive, sleep and repeat three times...that is how the Ragnar Relay works. The twelve runners and van drivers began their 196 mile relay race on Friday, August 19th at 7 a.m. and finished on Saturday, August 20th at 3:20 pm.

Friday was a tough day with the heat increasing throughout the day to 90 plus degrees. Some legs were on long stretches of road with no shade so runners had to be tough during those legs. Everyone seemed to enjoy the night runs and many said that was the best they had felt running in a long time. When Saturday morning came, the temperatures were

comfortable for runners to complete their last legs. At the end of the race, the whole team crossed the finish line together and were joined by the four volunteers who worked their shift at the finish line. Runners received very nice finisher medals and four runners received double medals for completing both the Chicago to Madison and Great River Race this year. Those runners were Stuart and Diane Rave, Chris Seguin and Kathleen Clemons.

Total runner distances ranged from 11.5 miles to 21.4 miles. Those distances were split up over the 3 legs. The longest single leg was 9.4 miles and Kessa Harshman knocked that out at about 2 a.m. with a little rain



Van 1 after completing their part of the race. (L-R) John Lee, Eli Youngthunder, Chris Seguin, Rep. Susan Weber.



Team Ho-Chunk

following her. A late add to the team was John Lee and he was able to kick out 7 minute miles even over a very hilly course. Great job to John!

Everyone should be proud of what they did and the Ho-Chunk Nation should be proud of this great team. The race is tough and you don't get too much sleep no matter how hard you try. Here is your 2011 Great River Ragnar Relay Team: Van 1 – Eli Youngthunder, Susan Weber, Kjetil Garvin, John Lee, Joe Buse and Chris Seguin. Drivers for van 1 were Henning Garvin and Kirby Thundercloud. Van 2 – Kathleen Clemons, Stuart Rave, Kessa Harshman, Joan Greendeer-Lee, Andrew Rave and Diane Rave. Drivers for van 2 were Steve Garvin and Shelly Kagiebi. Our volunteers who worked at the finish line were Lani Blackdeer, Pam Kasper, Josie Lee and Linda Buse.

Many funny stories always come out of these races and this one was no exception. There was some friendly competition between the two



Van 2 getting ready to finish up their last set of legs. (L-R) Andrew Rave, Kathleen Clemons, Kessa Harshman, Joan Greendeer-Lee, Diane Rave, Stuart Rave and Steve Garvin

vans but for now, a truce has been called (since Van 2 finished with the upper hand!). Some runners were awarded the "REALLY?" award at the team dinner, celebrating something crazy or silly that they had done... all in good fun. It seems that this race has also created some new Ragnar addicts and the word is, many of Team HCN has already signed up for the Florida Keys Ragnar

Relay in January.

The team would like to thank all of our sponsors: The Office of the President, The Health Department, Target, Bill Greendeer, Youth Services, and those who supported us in our bake sale, 50/50 raffles and silent auction. Team HCN is ready for next year. Let's see if we can put together two teams and conquer the miles together!

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Ho-Chunk youth show off their talent

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Throughout the summer, Ho-Chunk students in grades K-12 are able to participate in many hands-on activities when attending their local area youth center; learning arts and crafts, going on field trips, watching educational videos, extracurricular activities and much more. If you're a stay at home parent or grandparent that helps throughout the week, then you know kids get bored easily, especially during the summer months.

This summer, the Ho-Chunk Nation Youth Center Teachers came up with a theme for their Summer Enrichment program to hold an all area event to include reading, writing, math and science. Back in December, 2010 during an all staff meeting, the Teachers, Home School Coordinators and Youth Coordinators were given a task to plan in advance for future programming.

This was the first year that the teachers were "solely responsible for all the planning and budget for their summer enrichment programming, giving them an idea of what their Center Directors do for their normal programming," said Robin Blackdeer, Youth Services Division Director. Blackdeer also said a number of the teachers really enjoyed the process, "they got to spread their wings and planned something they knew their youth would enjoy."

On Thursday, August 25, all Ho-Chunk Youth Centers came together and presented a youth expo held at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls and were able to show off what they've been learning. The students had about three full weeks of fun, learning the material they presented, with each area doing something a little different.

Black River Falls youth services team member, Curtis Redbird stepped up to the plate and emceed the event and thanked everyone for coming. He also acknowledged the youth on what a good job they did to get to the final outcome.

Keynote speaker for the event was President Jon Greendeer. After introductions and addressing, "Friends, family, youngsters, and future great leaders of the Nation," Greendeer stressed the importance of education. He said, "Education isn't necessarily done in a book, a test, or an interview; it's always around us and you're a student for life."

Greendeer told the youngsters to continue their education, to do something phenomenal, and to reach the dreams they have right now. He said, "I'm very pleased to stand in front of you and speak about education and how important it is. Focus on your individual strengths and become a leader."

Once President Greendeer was done talking, it was the youth's turn to shine. From 10:30 am to 3 pm, all areas displayed what they've been working on for the past couple of weeks.



The Nekoosa area focused on thunderstorms, tornadoes and volcanoes with teacher Kathleen Roberts. They called themselves the "Severe weather team" and had matching shirts. As a fundraiser, they sold hotdogs, chips, and a soda for three dollars. They also got creative and did some face painting.



The La Crosse area worked on a play involving the ecosystem with teacher Marian Blackdeer, which was based on field trips and videos watched at the center. Four students co-wrote the play and it took them only a couple days of rehearsal to learn it. Blackdeer said she was very proud of them and with only a couple of hours of rehearsal; they all did a great job. She also said the kids were all excited and proud of themselves, and made mention they would like to put the play on for their parents.



The Tomah area displayed artwork representing what has been done over the summer, along with a power point presentation with help from teacher Linda Hanson, from the different trips taken over the summer as

well. As a fundraiser, the youth sold cotton candy, pickles on a stick, popcorn and water.

The Madison area focused on Ho-Chunk culture with teacher Seresa Ryckman. Although they began with a life skills curriculum and a few cultural projects, the youth were more interested and focused on the cultural projects. "We don't get as much exposure in the city like some of the other areas with more Ho-Chunk youth," said Ryckman. She said they had a lot of fun with the help from Joel Thundercloud who assisted with

making drumsticks and Mary Green who assisted with making shawls. A few of the youth even learned a song or two. Throughout the summer, there were approximately 17 youth participating. As their fundraiser, they sold caramel apples made by the youth and they were super yummy!

The Milwaukee area focused on Ho-Chunk body parts in the Ho-Chunk language with help from teacher Curtis Prescott. The older kids also learned about blood



pressure and how to do the testing with help from Chris Frederick.

The Wittenberg area worked on dresses with help from Heather Cloud who came in and showed the girls how to make the pattern,



cut it out, and then sew it all together. They also focused on a poem of "When I grow up, I want to be..." with teacher's Lucy Vargas, Kasey Morgan, and Nicole Oknewski. The youth also went on field trips, read two books, wrote in journals, and learned how to make home-made ice cream.

The Wisconsin Dells area focused on the Ho-Chunk language with teacher Georgia Lonetree by playing animal bingo. They also focused on a t-shirt business as their fundraiser. Ho-Chunk Youth, Mister Walker, designed the shirts they were selling for \$8 per shirt. Lonetree said one of the biggest problems these days that too many youth today come from families that don't know the language, culture, and history, and that is the reason they focused on the language.



The Black River Falls area focused on the organic garden with help from Nathan Northrup from the Ho-Chunk Education Department. Northrup helped guide students through the different steps of cultivation, getting the soil ready, mixed, made frybread, and displayed several pictures of what they've been doing over the summer.

In closing, Robin Blackdeer said, "I could see the pride in each area's Center Director's eyes when the teachers were sharing their details and were able to see the end result. I have to say I was very proud of all them as well. A few Centers reported that the students were having a great time learning and getting hands on experience."

Blackdeer also said she felt the youth expo was a success because of the excitement and pride on the faces of our youth when they told you about what they learned or how they made a project or a funny story of something that happened to them in the course of learning. "My heart was filled with joy seeing and talking with the youth that day," said Blackdeer. "I honestly can say that I am honored to work with such dedicated and caring people that are here for the best interest of our children and I am very proud of how they can all work together for what is best for our program and the youth we serve."

Great job to the first all area youth expo, the Youth Services staff, and especially



the youth for displaying what they have learned over the summer; whether it took a couple days to a couple weeks to complete, "great job."



Update

Removable property

Sanford LittleEagle
Staff Writer

After a day at work, and then softball league July 12th, 2011 proved to be a different day for Jerod Stacy. He arrived home to the Maplewood Apartments with his co-pilot/daughter Emerson fast asleep. Like most parents, he took his precious cargo inside the house first and laid her down for the evening. As most players, the thought of putting away



A laptop similar to this one with valuable Hoocak Language information was stolen from Jerod Stacy on July 12th.

his glove and gear was sidelined after a family friend stopped by for a visit. Like a good Ho-Chunk he welcomed his guest and they went inside and visited. After seeing his guest off, he went to bed.

Upon arriving at work the following day he then noticed he was the victim of crime, his laptop had been stolen. This was not just your run of the mill laptop; it was entrusted to Jerod by the Hoocak Language Division of the Ho-Chunk Nation. It was tribal property; it belonged to all of us. Now some may say or think Jerod is at fault for leaving his backpack and softball equipment in an unlocked car. But how many tribal members think of that when living amongst your own people? Jerod has maintained continuous

employment with the Nation for several years working as a Slot Person, Bingo Caller, a Presidential Aide, and his current position over the last three years of being a Hoocak Language Apprentice. As a Bingo employee, Jerod was enveloped by elders, many of whom can still speak the sacred language. Jerod spoke with and learned many words and later while an Aide for the OOP he was able to attend Language class and later applied and became what he loves doing now, learning to Hoocak Hit'e. Speak Ho-Chunk. While there are many words in Hoocak, some words have another way of saying and speaking in its meaning. Jerod had taken on a task of developing methods for words and correct phrases for such things as hunting, fishing and trapping. And how to say it describing which animal or fish, in our Hoocak Language the Earthmaker gave our people words for each thing that we can see. In knowing this, Jerod had compiled words like a thesaurus that he could use in passing on the language.

In speaking with Jerod, there has been no response from the Brockway Police Department or Jackson County Sheriff's Department. Jerod reflected on stories he has learned from a

tribal elder about how the Hoocak have lived. There was a time when a family or person would be gone from their Ciporoke and they would put a stick against the front doorway to let visitors know they were not home or not to be bothered and others knew what this meant and was respected.

This writer has covered many Language stories, but less Jerod's own initiative he took it upon himself to speak up and let the membership who read the Worak know tribal property was stolen from him and he wrote a Letter to the Editor that was previously published in issue 13. I share Jerod's compassion for saving the language and like Jerod I wanted to reiterate the importance of the loss of the notes, paragraphs, and words from the Hoocak Language.

The Laptop is a black & grey HP Elitebook and power cord. If you know who has the laptop, or have knowledge of the laptops whereabouts, I ask that you could encourage the laptop to be returned to a Security person at a tribal office or property of the Ho-Chunk Nation or to a local sheriffs or police dept. You can remain anonymous.

General Council Agency's Response to Richard Mann's Questions for General Council

On August 26, 2011, Veteran and Elder, Richard Mann asked several questions about General Council, General Council Agency, and the four-year degree requirement. General Council Agency provides this response:

1. RM's Q1: "If we are a sovereign Nation, according to our constitution who is the lawmaking branch of our government? BIA?

GCA's answer: The Ho-Chunk Constitution provides that the Legislature is the lawmaking branch of government. The BIA must approve any constitutional amendments as provided under the Nation's Constitution.

2. RM's Q2: "What is a resolution? Are resolutions considered laws and who is the lawmaking branch of this government according to our constitution?"

GCA answer: A General Council Resolution is a formal written expression of an opinion, intention, or decision by the General Council. General Council sets policy but does not make the Nation's laws because only the Legislature has that authority under the Constitution. See the above answer to question 1 about the lawmaking branch of government.

3. RM's Q3: "Is the GCA the 4th branch of government or is the General Council?"

GCA answer: the General Council is actually the first branch of government as stated in the Constitution. GCA is the administrative agency for General Council and under the direction of General Council.

4. RM's Q4: "What can the General Council do to see that there are a series of checks and balances within our system of government? This question that can and should only be answered by General Council."

5. RM's Q5: "Do we need to establish the office of general council with specific goals and objectives?"

GCA's answer: strongly desires guidance from General Council and has developed SOPs on payout, variances, and meeting procedures setting forth the day-to-day operations of the Agency.

6. RM's Q6: Should the 100 dollar payout be part of the packet when we check in at general council? "Wouldn't this be a safety measure so we don't have a mad rush for the door where someone might get injured?"

GCA's response: The payout is made to ensure a quorum and to provide a stipend for travel expenses. GCA makes every effort to make the payouts quickly and to provide for everyone's safety.

7. RM's Q7: "If the GCA

gets t-shirts shouldn't the general council members also receive t-shirts? After all the funding is for the general council, not the GCA."

GCA's response: the t-shirts are provided to assist the members so they can identify GCA members if they need help. This year GCA didn't order t-shirts.

8. RM's Q8: "If we are truly a sovereign Nation the very first item for general council to consider should be to repeal the law that requires legislators have a degree."

Richard didn't put the remaining question in a number format, but this is an attempt to briefly summarize his question and tried to respond within the space limitations.

9. RM's Q9: Repeal of the four-year degree requirement.

GCA's response: GCA didn't ask for or support the four-year degree requirement. The people voted for it at General Council and through a Secretarial election. In fact, GCA asked Richard Mann to sponsor a Resolution to repeal the four-year degree requirement but he took no action.

SEE ATTACHED Amendment D.

10. RM's Q10: GCA financial reports.

GCA's response: GCA has always provided financial reports at General Council and will do so this year.

11. RM's Q11: "Does GCA have authority to go into Executive Session?"

Yes, GCA can go into Executive Session under the Ho-Chunk Nation Open Meetings Act just like the Legislature, Election Board, Constitutional Reform and every other board throughout the Nation. All meetings are open to Ho-Chunk members and it is rare that we go into Executive Session and when we do go into

Executive Session it is usually to discuss personnel matters.

GCA welcomes questions about any topic and we invite all Ho-Chunk Citizens to attend our monthly meetings and the upcoming General Council on September 17, 2011.

Cordially,
Marvin Decorah, GCA Chairman

TRIBAL ID CARDS

General Council - 2011

Office of Tribal Enrollment will be available at the Ho-Chunk Hotel & Convention Center to make Tribal ID Cards starting:

Friday, September 16, 2011
from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Saturday, September 17, 2011
from 7:00 AM and throughout the General Council day.

We are encouraging you to get your Tribal ID's made early to beat the rush at Registration time.

Duplicates: \$10
1st time ID Recipients and 60 years + are free

NOTICE AND RULES OF SPECIAL ELECTION FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2011

LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 3, SEAT 1

Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of District 3. The Ho-Chunk Nation is calling a Special Election, which will be held due to the resignation of Legislator Elena Terry District 3, Seat 1. The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation will conduct a Special Election. ARTICLE IX – ELECTIONS and the Election Code 2 HCC Sec. 6, states in relevant part:

ARTICLE IX-REMOVAL, RECALL AND VACANCIES

Section 10. Vacancies in the Legislature. If a vacancy occurs in the legislature because of death, mental or physical incapacity, removal or recall vote, resignation, felony conviction, or for any; other reason, such vacancy shall be filled in the following manner:

- (a) If three (3) months or more remain before the next General Election, the Election Board shall call a Special Election in the appropriate District to be held within Thirty (30) days.

NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES

The official candidacy forms may be obtained from the Election Board Members or the Election Board Office. A candidate for elective office shall submit an Official Nomination Petition, Declaration of Candidacy and a \$5.00 Filing fee by hand delivery or U.S. Mail to the Election Board office before the close of the nomination period on Friday, September 9, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. ORIGINAL FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED FILING BY FAX OR COPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE. To be eligible for Legislative Office, candidates must comply with 6e of the Election Code which states “...candidates have resided for at least one (1) year immediately prior to filing the petition declaring her/his candidacy...Residency is defined as the permanent physical address stated on the periodic Address Verification Forms.....

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:
Any enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least

eighteen (18) years old and who has resided in their respective district for at least three (3) months. See Election Board Code Sec. 9 (b).

REGISTRATION

Each person seeking to vote must register at the polling place by showing identification before receiving an Official Ballot. If a person cannot write, that person must sign his/her name with a mark before two (2) witnesses. A Ho-Chunk translator will be available to assist any tribal member who requests assistance.

ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:

Any individual whose name does not appear on the eligible voters list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Any eligible voter may challenge the eligibility of an individual's name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Challenges must be received at the Election Office prior to 4:00 P.M. on Friday, September 9, 2011. Such claims or challenges may be hand-delivered, faxed or mailed to:

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board
206 South Roosevelt Road
P.O Box 756
Black River Falls, WI 54615
TELEPHONE (715)284-8900
TOLL FREE (800)890-0583
FAX NUMBER(715)284-8600
E-MAIL:
Election_board@ho-chunk.com

The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the eligible voters list immediately after the close of the challenge period. The Election Board decision shall be final.

ABSENTEE VOTING:

A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than Monday, September 19, 2011 by 4:00 P.M. See Election Board Code, Page 13, sec. 11 a(1)

Requests MUST INCLUDE the eligible voter's name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number. Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 P.M. on Friday, September 23, 2011.

Absentee ballots may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the Election Day. **NOTE THAT FEDEX AND UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS.**

POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

The Election Board shall certify and post the official election results within three (3) days after the date of election.

CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation may challenge the results of any election results within ten (10) days after the Election Board certifies the results. The Trial Court shall hear and decide a challenge to any election within Twenty (20) days after the challenge is filed in the Trial Court. See. HCN Constitution Article VIII, Election, Sec. 7, and Election Code Sec. 18 (a)

ELECTIONEERING:

There shall be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling places.

SPECIAL ELECTION FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2011

POST NOTICE OF ELECTION

Monday, August 29, 2011

POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST

Tuesday, August 30, 2011

CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO 4:30 PM

Friday, September 9, 2011

OFFICIAL NOMINATION PETITION DEADLINE

Friday, September 9, 2011

LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Monday, September 19, 2011
4:00 PM

SPECIAL ELECTION DAY Friday, September 23, 2011 8:00 AM TO 7:00 PM

POSTED 08/29/2011

POLLING PLACES:

**OPEN AT 8:00 A.M AND
CLOSE AT 7:00 P.M.**

•**BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI**
TRIBAL AGING UNIT
INDIAN MISSION
715/284-0811

•**TOMAH, WI**
TRIBAL AGING UNIT
358 EOS ROAD
608/372-4547

•**LA CROSSE, WI**
LA CROSSE BRANCH OFFICE
724 MAIN STREET
608/783-6025

•**BARABOO, WI**
HOUSE OF WELLNESS
S2845 WHITEEAGLE ROAD
608/355-1254

•**WISCONSIN DELLS, WI**
INDIAN HEIGHTS
N9557 Dyer Avenue
WISCONSIN DELLS, WI.
(Call Election Board Office)
715/284-8900

•**WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI**
CHAK-HAH-CHEE COMM. BLD.
916 CHAK-HAH-CHEE LANE
715/886-5444

•**WITTENBERG, WI**
TRIBAL AGING UNIT
W17956 WITT-BIRN TOWNSLINE
ROAD
715/253-3536

•**CHICAGO, IL**
CHICAGO BRANCH OFFICE
5477 W IRVING PARK RD
773/202-8433

•**MILWAUKEE, WI**
MILWAUKEE BRANCH OFFICE
3501 S. HOWELL AVENUE
414/747-8680

•**ST PAUL/MINNEAPOLIS, MN**
MPLS./ST PAUL BRANCH
OFFICE
1821 UNIVERSITY AVENUE
SUITE # 409 N.
651/641-1801

•**MADISON, WI**
MADISON BRANCH OFFICE
1320 MENDOTA STREET
608/277-9964

•**GREEN BAY, WI**
PARISH HALL
2936 FREEDOM ROAD
ONEIDA, WI.
920/869-1059

Ho-Chunk Gaming – Madison Walks For Diabetes

Submitted by
Dave Abangan

Join us and be a part of "Team Ho-Chunk" as we once again participate in the American Diabetes Association StepOut Walk. The event in Madison takes place on Sunday, October 2nd at 9:30. Simply raise \$25 and receive a Team Ho-Chunk t-shirt, and become eligible for many other prizes if you raise more.

The 3.1 mile walk starts and ends at Vilas Park on beautiful Lake Wingra and continues down the tree-canopied Edgewood Campus area and through some of Madison's most picturesque neighborhoods. Lunch and entertainment is provided after the walk. The walk will be completed by

noon (in time for the Packer game).

This is not a race. There are many rest stops along the walk path and kids are invited to join us, however pets are not allowed. We have had some beautiful weather the past 3 years. It's always a nice refreshing way to start a fall morning before watching football!

For you online savvy folks, register and raise funds online at the following link:
<http://main.diabetes.org/goto/Ho-Chunk>

Or, contact Dave Abangan at 888.248.1777 extension 3530 or Judy Whitehorse (same phone number, extension 3527) if you have any questions.



Team Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison support the walk for Diabetes.

Loyalty and dedication to the Nation's Enterprises

Tracy Pecore
Newsletter Editor

Often times, employees are under appreciated for the work they do and lack positive reinforcement. Sure, they may be told everything they do wrong and how to change it, but how often is an employee told they are doing a good job or "keep up the good work"?

As an employee, we all have different responsibilities and bring a different character to all we come into contact with, whether it's between co-workers or guests. A simple "hello", opening a door for someone who may have their hands full, or taking the time to ask how their day is, sometimes makes a special day for an individual having "one of those days."

Employees from Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa and Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg came together on August 30 at the Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa Banquet Center; to honor those that have been nominated throughout the year through the Guest Appreciation Program (GAP).

GAP Mission: To create and implement a program that will improve, recognize, and reward those who excel in the realm of overall quality guest service by:

- Promoting excellent service to both internal and external guests.
- Increase guest confidence, trust, and loyalty.
- Present the tools to encourage self-motivation.
- Provide the reward that can be obtained by fulfilling an objective.

Goals of the GAP Incentive Program:

- Reward behaviors that assure guest loyalty
- Increase ambassador loyalty
- Increase productivity
- Encourage buy in among all ambassadors

Although not all gaming

facilities follow the same procedure, Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa and Wittenberg both have quarterly awards and annual award winners to honor their employees who over time, earn, and not simply given an incentive award.

"A good incentive does not inspire motivation; it rewards those who motivate themselves." (GAP slogan) "A team is therefore a group of people who are working towards the same goal. If you want to improve teamwork, the basic foundation you need to lay is that of common understanding and commitment to that goal."

Congratulations to Ho-Chunk tribal member, Rita Blade, for being one of eight employees at Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa who received the annual award. Annual Award winners received a certificate of excellence, an eagle pin, and a \$2,000 check. "Rita Blade assisted another department in preparing and setting up for a vendor to come in. Rita has been employed with the Nation since July 1994." Incentive program nomination.

Other Ho-Chunk tribal members honored for quarterly awards were Bernice Twinn, Eugene Topping Sr., Rita Blade, Kent Mallory, and Carlotta Snowball. All received a certificate of excellence award, a pin, and a \$250 check.

Others were nominated by always making guests feel comfortable and like family during their visits, by giving world class service to guests and always having a smile on their face, fixing a disabled car, assisting with medical emergencies, performing numerous duties for another department on a holiday, and providing extremely helpful, prompt and appreciated service to guests.

After giving a brief introduction, Randy Snowball, otherwise known



Emcee Randy Snowball introduces Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa/Wittenberg employees who received the 2011 GAP incentive. Also pictured are President Jon Greendeer and Sr. Marketing Director Jim Webster.

to many as "Beaver", emceed the event and helped with announcing the winners for the evening. With a chuckle, he said, "Let the show begin!" There was laughter, chuckles,

and a couple of "woot woots" throughout the evening, and a special guest appearance by President Greendeer, Sr. Marketing Director Jim Webster, and Executive

Director of Personnel Ericka Cloud who all made their presence that evening.

Great job to all and keep up the good work.

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center in Black River Falls

Diabetes Learning Circle September 2011

| Date | Topic |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| September 1 | But I Just Have Pre-Diabetes.... |
| September 15 | Making Lifestyle Changes |

The Diabetes Learning Circle is a morning presentation and breakfast designed to provide people with information regarding diabetes prevention and management. Anyone is welcome to attend but we ask that you register for a seat.

The program is from 8:30-9:15 each scheduled day in the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center Conference Classroom. A nutritious breakfast is served during the program. (Topics are subject to change).

For more information or to register contact:
Kathy Braaten, Community Health Nutritionist, 715-284-9851 ext. 5335

Neesh-La Contest Pow-Wow 2011

Sanford LittleEagle Staff Writer

Before the first song, before the first jingle of a dancers bell rang, the arena had been given tobacco and words of prayer were spoken and with that; the weather was downright awesome! It was a good weekend to Pow-Wow. The Contest drew some of the best singers and dancers from Canada and from all over Native America. There were a half a dozen food stands with everything from Kettle Corn, Corn Soup, Smoothies, and of course the Indian Taco. The vendors at this year's Neesh-La Contest Pow-Wow seemed to do well, as there was much foot traffic and talk of "Did you see that one stand?"

One of the Contest Pow-Wow circuit's premiere voices, Master of Ceremony Vince Beyl was in the house keeping the pow-wow going with his humor, knowledge of singing and dancing protocol,

along with Ho-Chunk Elder Gordon Thunder with the help of his nephew Lance Long. Sanford WhiteEagle Legion Post #556 along with their Auxiliary brought in the Eagle Staff and Colors as this year's Host Drum, Bearheart, sang the Grand Entry song as dancers entered the arena.

There was a full go round with Contest Singing & Dancing Friday night. Saturday the pow-wow committee had a Golf Turney and a 3-On-3 Basketball Turney and a 3 o'clock Grand Entry, yes you read that right. It was a very good change of pace and gave an afternoon full of contest singing with back to back intertribals. As soon as the judges were in place Singing Judge Damon Funmaker had the next drum in the contest singing. Many spectators, dancers, and recorders swarmed the drum pit as drums Smokey Town,

Poundmaker, Meskwi Nation, Midnite Express and crowd favorite Bear Creek would jam their best songs.

When it came to the dance contest, the dancers were given the same treatment. As soon as their categories first song was done, the drum would start off their second song, not a lot of time for a dancers pit crew to get their dancer a swig of Gatorade or water. But all in all it was an awesome sight to see. So many beautiful dresses, beadwork, war paint, and feather work adorned the dancer's regalia. The categories started at Jr's 6 yrs old - 12, Teens 13 - 17, Jr Adults 18 - 35, Sr Adults 36 - 54, 18 and over Southern Mens & Womens, Chicken Dance and Appliqué.

Fancy Dancers showed off their moves each day and were a spectacle to watch. The Chicken Dancers brought some new excitement to the

Neesh-la crowd, a dance that comes from the Blackfoot people of Canada. Many spectators watched as this new category in Ho-Chunk land was introduced. The ladies who scrubbed it out in the Ho-Chunk Appliqué were so beautiful to watch as the woman songs were rendered so often by Host Bear Heart, the women with their best ribbon work and satin and gorgeous necklaces put on quite the display of Ho-Chunk pride as their dance showed the story of young woman awaiting the return of her warrior as the women would make their turn in unison.

A lot goes on at a community's pow-wow such as: Memorial Flags are raised, acknowledgement of Elders, and celebrating life through birthday songs. Tribal member Frank B. Thunder did just that as he asked the committee and the Southern Boyz drum to sing

Neesh-La Winners

DRUM CONTEST

- 8th Prairie Island \$400
- 7th WhiteTail Boyz \$600
- 6th SmokeyTown \$1000
- 5th Poundmaker \$2000
- 4th Southern Boyz \$3000
- 3rd Meskwaki Nation \$4000
- 2nd Bear Creek \$6000
- 1st Midnite Express \$8000

Golden Age Men

- 3rd-Mike Dashner
- 2nd-Gary Medicine
- 1st-Nathan Smith

Golden Age Women

- 4th-Anette LittleWolf
- 3rd-Elena Greendeer
- 2nd-Marylin Mountain
- 1st-Elaine Medicine

Sr Adult Men's Traditional

- 4th-Ken Funmaker Jr
- 3rd-BJ Haury
- 2nd-Lonnie Street
- 1st-Charles Hindsley

Sr Adult Men's Grass

- 4th-Lonnie Shield
- 3rd-Jones Funmaker
- 2nd-Alan Childs II
- 1st-Pat Pacheco

Sr Adult Men's Fancy

- 4th-Eric Logan
- 3rd-Gabe Bullock
- 2nd-Tommie Snowball
- 1st-Wayne Silas Jr

Sr Adult Women's Traditional

- 4th-Cheryl Funmaker
- 3rd-Denise Tiger
- 2nd-Vanny Wheelock
- 1st-Kellie Mae Downwind

Sr Adult Women's Jingle

- 3rd-Michelle Winnesheik
- 2nd-Candice Johnson
- 1st-Becky Taylor

Sr Adult Women's Fancy

- 3rd-Melody Goodstriker
- 2nd-Gladys TwoEagle
- 1st-Crystal Cleveland

Adult Men's Chicken

- 4th-Daniel Prescott
- 3rd-Jacob Stonechild
- 2nd-Rooster Topsky
- 1st-Lee Goodman Jr

Adult Women's Appliqué

- 4th-Rochelle Mann
- 3rd-Gena Topsky
- 2nd-Kayree Funmaker
- 1st-Yvonne Snake

Adult Men's Southern

- 3rd-Skkylar Snowball
- 2nd-Ronnie Goodeagle Jr
- 1st-Erwin Morris

Adult Women's Southern

- 4th-Anissa Rivera
- 3rd-Ocie Burrott
- 2nd-Bridgette Whipple-Morris
- 1st-Elizabeth Nevaquaya

Jr Adult Men's Traditional

- 4th-Albert Hindsley
- 3rd-Adakai Hindsley
- 2nd-Novи RunsAbove
- 1st-Dana Warrington

Jr Adult Men's Grass Dance

- 4th-Austin Summers
- 3rd-James Day
- 2nd-Bryson Rabbit Lonechild
- 1st-Brian Thunder

Jr Adult Men's Fancy

- 4th-Darwin Grignon
- 3rd-Tyler Lasley
- 2nd-David Cleveland
- 1st-Kenny Pratt Jr

Jr Adult Women's Traditional

- 4th-Tia Funmaker
- 3rd-Darcy Menard
- 2nd-Cheyenne Fiddler
- 1st-Amber Buffalo

Jr Adult Womens Jingle

- 4th-Connie Danforth
- 3rd-Alexarae Funmaker
- 2nd-Sheena Cain
- 1st-Cassie Hindsley

Jr Adult Woman's Fancy

- 4th-Anghinga Cleveland
- 3rd-Nyomi Cleveland
- 2nd-Tanksi Clairmont
- 1st-Rose Track

Teen Boys Traditional

- 5th-Parrish Brazelton
- 4th-Anthony Greencrow
- 3rd-Shane Funmaker
- 2nd-Donovan Hawy
- 1st-Michael Fish Jr

Teen Boys Fancy

- 5th-Kane Funmaker
- 4th-Michael Alloway Jr
- 3rd-Dayton Sanapaw
- 2nd-Albert King Jr
- 1st-Terrance Cleveland

Teen Girls Appliqué

- 5th-Debreana Pettibone
- 4th-Hailey Greencrow
- 3rd-Anessa Clairmont
- 2nd-Jasmine Collins
- 1st-Arianna Greencrow

Teen Girls Traditional

- 4th-Renee Cleveland
- 3rd-Alexus Ortiz
- 2nd-Makayla Webkamigad
- 1st-Charlotte Day

Teen Girls Jingle

- 5th-Savannah Brown
- 4th-Danielle Hernandez
- 3rd-Shy Leonard
- 2nd-Waskwane Stonefish
- 1st-Emmalee Clairmont

Teen Girls Fancy

- 5th-Lexi Winfrey
- 4th-Graci Rave
- 3rd-Waverly Bird
- 2nd-Sierra Neperud
- 1st-Lacey Fiddler

Jr Boys Traditional

- 5th-Anasazi Lucero
- 4th-Akili Day
- 3rd-Bobby Mo
- 2nd-Bryson Funmaker
- 1st-Floyd King

Jr Boys Grass

- 5th-Everett Webkamigad
- 4th-Statten Cleveland
- 3rd-Hudson King
- 2nd-Chaske Jacobs
- 1st-Sedrick Hindsley

Jr Boys Fancy

- 5th-Tego Warrington
- 4th-Quentin Cleveland
- 3rd-Buster Cleveland
- 2nd-Delano Cleveland
- 1st-David Cleveland

Jr Girls Appliqué

- 5th-Tristiane Decorah
- 4th-Minnie Alice Lonetree
- 3rd-Alyssa Cranfield
- 2nd-Brooklyn Collins
- 1st-Taylor Clairmont

Jr Girls Traditional

- 3rd-Maya WhiteEagle
- 2nd-Olivia Olson
- 1st-Angel Logan

Jr Girls Jingle

- 5th-Aiyana Nahwegahbow
- 4th-Laciya Hill
- 3rd-Jada Pussier
- 2nd-Marcy King
- 1st-Bella Downwind

Jr Girls Fancy

- 5th-Kalyiha Bear
- 4th-Malia Jacobs
- 3rd-Diana Sanapaw
- 2nd-Bree Bzdawka
- 1st-Wakinyla Clairmont

(L-R) Tristine Decorah, 1st time Dancer Maliya Rain Mundell, Arianna GreenCrow.



Mens Fancy Dance competition was heating up, as this Fancy Dancer took his dance to the ground.



Junior Traditional Dancer Bryson Funmaker pounding the ground dancing it out during contest.



Sanford WhiteEagle American Legion Post #556, with their Auxiliary leading Grand Entry Saturday afternoon.



2011 Neesh-La Contest Pow-Wow Singing Champs Midnite Express singing during Drum Contest.



MC's Gordon Thunder, Lance Long, and Vince Beyl.



Junior Fancy Dancer Buster Cleveland, bustin a move during intertribal dancing.



Womens Traditional coming through Grand Entry.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE HO-CHUNK
NATION LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING ~
EXECUTIVE OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
JULY 25, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Officer, Rep. Robert TwoBears, at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL:
Rep. Robert TwoBears, Presiding Officer (P)
Rep. Patrick RedEagle, Presiding Officer (P)
V.P. Greg Blackdeer (EX)
Rep. Doug Greengrass (P)
Rep. Susan Weber (P)
Andrea Estebo (P)
Rep. Jim Greendeer (EX)
Rep. John Holst (10:03 a.m.)
Rep. Hope Smith (P)
Rep. Elena Terry (P)
Rep. Shelby Visintin (P)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn (10:32 a.m.)

Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit (P)

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Quorum is established.
OPENING PRAYER: Representative Forrest Whiterabbit offered a word of prayer.

Rep. John Holst arrives at 10:03 a.m.

ADDITION TO AGENDA: MOTION by Rep. Elena Terry to add Razing of Nine Eagles under UNFINISHED BUSINESS. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. **9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to APPROVE the agenda. Second by Rep. Elena Terry. **9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

MEETING MINUTES: MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to dispense with the reading of the June 29, 2011 Regular Finance Committee meeting minutes as they were ratified at the July 5, 2011 Legislative meeting. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. **8-0-1 (Rep. Andrea Estebo) MOTION CARRIED.**

REPORTS:

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ~ Scott Marecek
Scott Marecek reviewed the consolidated business summary with the Committee and the financial scorecard for Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells was explained.

Class II/III Reports: Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells, Nekoosa, Wittenberg, Black River Falls, Tomah and Madison submitted their monthly reports to the Committee. Rep. Greg Littlejohn arrives at 10:32 a.m.

Marketing Report ~ Jim Webster:

The Marketing Report was reviewed with the Committee and Mr. Webster explained the purpose of providing the monthly report. The information provides a report on what the marketing departments are doing and hold them accountable with their budget. It was reported that Dave Abangan has taken over some of the duties of the Sr. Marketing Manager and will be providing the Marketing Report. Updates were given on the summer promotion, marketing RFP (a vendor has been selected), marquee project (replacement of all the signs to be Ho-Chunk Gaming), and water tower signage. There was a request as to the total cost for the marquee project.

Non-Gaming Report ~ Rob Reider, Troy Swallow:

Rob Reider reviewed the Retail Division report for the month of June with the Committee.

Distribution Center(s): Troy Swallow distributed an updated report for the Distribution Center for the month of June. The report was reviewed with the Committee. Questions were asked of the updated reports due to some discrepancies, the Minority Business Enterprise certificate, and the 8(a) certification was discussed.

RECESS: MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to recess for lunch until 1:00 p.m. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting recessed at 11:55 a.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 1:12 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
Rep. Robert TwoBears, Presiding Officer (P)

Rep. Patrick RedEagle, Presiding Officer (P)

V.P. Greg Blackdeer (EX)

Rep. Doug Greengrass (P)

Rep. Susan Weber (P)

Andrea Estebo (P)

Rep. Jim Greendeer (EX)

Rep. John Holst (10:03 a.m.)

Rep. Hope Smith (P)

Rep. Elena Terry (P)

Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit (P)

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Quorum is established.

TREASURY REPORT ~ Lori Meinking

June 2011 Financial Update:

The Finance Director, Lori Meinking, reviewed the June financials in detail with the Committee.

RFP - Cash Management:

The RFP for cash management was briefly reviewed with the Committee. A flowchart of the current process was requested.

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to have the Financial Examiner and Legislative Counsel review the RFP for cash management proposal and to REFER to the next Legislative meeting for consideration. Second by Rep. Elena Terry. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Tax Code Update: An update was provided by the Finance Director.

Investment Portfolio Reports:

The Special Revenue Account report for June was included in the meeting packet. Todd Anderson was unable to attend the meeting.

Merrill Lynch report was provided in the meeting packet. Dan Staples was unable to attend the meeting.

Tribal Aging Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – July 20, 2011

The TAU board approved a District 5 request that needed Legislative approval. Tribal elder Georgia LoneTree and TAU Director, Marie Lewis were in attendance.

MOTION by Rep. Jim Greendeer to APPROVE the District 5 Elder, Georgia LoneTree request for home repair, excluding the fireplace, from vendor Brook Henderson in the amount of \$33,806.34 from the Elder Assistance Program with the provision that they get homeowners insurance.

Second by Rep. Hope Smith.

MOTION IS AMENDED TO ALSO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF PRIOR HOUSE INSURANCE MONIES THAT WERE RELEASED AND TO STIPULATE THAT THE HOME CANNOT BE SOLD FOR FIVE YEARS OR THE NATION WILL HAVE TO BE PAID BACK. SECOND CONCURS. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. Andrea Estebo out of the room)

BUDGET DECREASE – GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY BUDGET ~ Michelle DeCorra

The decrease to the General Council Agency was to separate out the Constitutional Reform Task Force funds.

MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to APPROVE the General Council Agency budget decrease 1403-07-25.2011-D01 in the amount of \$41,760. Second

Executive Session.

AGENDA AMENDMENT: MOTION by Rep. Elena Terry to amend the agenda to address the Razing of Nine Eagles. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Razing of Nine Eagles:

The timeline for the project is to have this completed by this year. There were questions on what the land will be used for after the buildings are razed. There was a request to have Environmental Health review the bid and property for the lead based paint tiles in the buildings.

MOTION by Rep. John Holst to APPROVE the razing of Nine Eagles funding request in the amount of \$380,568 with funds to come from the Land line item. Second by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit. **4-2 (Rep. Elena Terry, Rep. Susan Weber) – 5 (Rep. Doug Greengrass, Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. Jim Greendeer, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Patrick RedEagle) MOTION CARRIED.**

Ho-Chunk Cinema Capital Request ~ Becky Albert

Representatives from Marcus Theatres presented a proposal last month to the Nation for a capital request of \$65,800 converting from film to digital projection. The request was referred to the Financial Examiner.

MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to APPROVE the Ho-Chunk Cinema capital request of \$65,800 for the conversion from film to digital projection. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. Shelby Visintin out of the room)

Merrill Lynch Request – Fixed Income Manager ~ Becky Albert

Mr. Staples reported last month on the Preferred Securities Fixed Income Manager Benefits with the recommendation to hire Spectrum as the preferred manager and to rebalance 20% or \$10 million into Preferred Manager Portfolio. A motion is needed for the change.

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to APPROVE the rebalancing of 20% or \$10 million into the preferred manager portfolio from the Merganser Portfolio. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **9-0-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. Elena Terry out of the room)

10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. (Rep. Elena Terry out of the room)

Finance Committee Priorities ~ Rep. Robert TwoBears

A memo was provided by the Financial Examiner listing 12 items that the Finance Committee needs to address. The Appropriation and Budget Process Act workgroup hasn't met due to the budget meetings and have now set a date to start reviewing the Act, they have

scheduled to meet August 17, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., and other dates are September 7th and 21st. Also the Charitable Request Act workgroup needs to schedule meetings for review of the Act.

DISTRICT REQUESTS:

National Cheerleading Camp Request:

The request was brought up at

District 1 meeting and referred to Finance from the Legislative meeting.

MOTION by Rep. Susan Weber to TABLE the National Cheerleading Camp request for additional information. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

District 1 - United Church of Christ request:

The request was for \$3,000 to purchase raffle prizes for an event that is being planned at the Andrew Blackhawk Pow-wow grounds on August 6, 2011 where the group, White Swan, will be performing.

MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to APPROVE the United Church of Christ request

in the amount of \$3,000 from the Charitable Contribution line item and to provide receipts for the purchase of items. Second

by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. **9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Constitutional Reform Task Force budget ~ Forrest Funmaker

A budget was submitted in the amount of \$92,660. A brief summary was distributed to the Committee.

MOTION by Rep. Susan Weber to TABLE the FY 11-12 Constitutional Reform Task Force budget for further information.

Second by Rep. Jim Greendeer. **10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.** (Rep. Doug Greengrass out of the room)

Elder Dental Request ~ Cecelia Kraus, Jennifer Dominguez

The request was for an elite elder's dental that has periodontal disease and additional funds are needed to assist the elder with the treatment plan.

MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to APPROVE the Jon Pettibone request in the amount of \$2,800 from the Charitable Contribution line item.

Second by Rep. Hope Smith.

MOTION IS AMENDED TO APPROVE \$1,000. SECOND CONCURS. **5-5 (Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. John Holst, Rep. Jim Greendeer, Rep. Hope Smith, Rep. Elena Terry) – 1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) TIE VOTE.**

THE PRESIDING OFFICER VOTES AGAINST THE MOTION. MOTION DEFEATED.

District 1 - Jon Pettibone Request:

The request was for a donation to the 4th Annual Sportsman Memorial Race in honor of his son. The amount requested was \$2,800.

MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to APPROVE the Jon Pettibone request in the amount of \$2,800 from the Charitable Contribution line item.

Second by Rep. Hope Smith.

MOTION IS AMENDED TO APPROVE \$1,000. SECOND CONCURS. **5-5 (Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. John Holst, Rep. Jim Greendeer, Rep. Hope Smith, Rep. Elena Terry) – 1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) TIE VOTE.**

THE PRESIDING OFFICER VOTES AGAINST THE MOTION. MOTION DEFEATED.

District 2 - YMCA Request

The request came from the

Madison area to allow the Dane Co. area membership to be

approved for \$40,000 for annual memberships to promote healthy lifestyles.

MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to TABLE the District 2 YMCA request for additional documentation. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

District 2 Support of funding of Web Designer for GCA

The request came from the

Baraboo area for support of the General Council Agency

to receive funding of a Web Designer position, equipment, and office space in Wisconsin Dells.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer the District 2 request for a Web Designer for GCA to the General Council Agency for consideration. Second by Rep. Susan Weber. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

District 3 Bonnie Smith request to attend grandson's graduation

The request was referred by

the Legislature to the Finance Committee for the request to

attend a graduation at Camp Pendleton, CA. The Charitable Request Act does not allow personal expense requests. The request was not addressed.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo that in accordance with Ho-Chunk Nation law that the Legislature only hear requests that meet the Charitable Request Act. Second by Rep. John Holst.

10-1 (Rep. Hope Smith) – 0 MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adjourn the meeting. Second by Rep. Elena Terry. **11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Kelley Thundercloud

Date Approved

Recording Secretary

SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Capitol Travel Service Inc., Petitioner, v. Judith A. Whitehorse, Respondent.

Case : CG 11-079

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Judith A. Whitehorse.

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written Answer to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in . See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). You may request a hearing within your written response. *Id.*, Rule 73(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your Answer to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely Answer to the time allowed can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. *Id.*, Rule 54.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

General Council Resolution
**REMOVAL OF LEGISLATORS WHO DO NOT POSSESS A
 FOUR-YEAR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE**
 By Kenneth Twin

Served to the following Legislators:

Rep. Douglas Greengrass
 Rep. Patrick Red Eagle
 Rep. John Holst
 Rep. James Greendeer
 Rep. Hope Smith
 Rep. Robert Two Bears

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council hereby immediately remove these Legislators from Legislature because they do not possess a four=year baccalaureate degree by an accredited institution of higher education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Council hereby immediately remove these Legislators from Legislature because they do not possess a four=year baccalaureate degree by an accredited institution of higher education.

NOTE: The following was submitted by Kenneth Twin. GCA did not submit it, nor does GCA endorse or support this resolution.

Project S.A.F.E.* House

Is requesting donations at the 2011 Annual General Council

The S.A.F.E. House is in need of:

Energy Efficient Light Bulbs • Disposable Diapers • Baby Wipes • Toilet Paper • Feminine Sanitary Products
 Shampoo and Conditioner • Hand Sanitizers and Disinfectant • Hand Soap • Paper Plates, Napkins, Plastic Ware
 Paper Towels • Laundry Detergent and Products • Cleaning Supplies • Operating Funds to Purchase other needed items

The S.A.F.E. House is the first 7871 • Chartered by the Ho-Chunk Nation's Legislature

All Contributions are Tax Deductible • Please Visit us at our Table Before and During the Meeting

Pinagigi

*Stop Abuse From Existing • A Project of the Ho-Chunk Nation's Domestic Violence Program

Ho-Chunk Nation Community Health Nursing Presents:

“Taking Care of Ourselves”

A Day to Honor Our Parents

Friday, Sept. 16

9:00am-2:30pm

At Kalahari Conference Center

Wisconsin Dells, WI

Enjoy a day of fun activities and presentations!

Topics include parenting, nutrition, fitness, HIV/AIDS,
 health, massage, and relaxation!

Childcare will be available during conference.

At end of conference each participant will receive a pass
 to the Kalahari Waterpark to be used that day 2:30-9pm.

Buffet lunch included. Raffles, prizes and much more!

Hotel rooms available for Sept 16th at Kalahari at reduced rate, limited
 number of rooms available, call hotel for reservation. Guest is responsible for room payment.

Please call Shawn Nadeau, Maternal Child Health Nurse,
 to reserve a spot for you and your family to enjoy our conference!

608-797-0426. Reservations only.

ARE YOU A PARENT OR A GRANDPARENT OF A
 CHILD WHO WILL BE RECEIVING A TRUST FUND
 IN THE FUTURE?

CTF Task Force

Ho-Chunk Nation Trust and Investment Committee

The Ho-Chunk Nation is currently recruiting individuals interested in serving on the Trust and Investment Committee. To be eligible for appointment or election Committee Members shall have one or more of the following qualifications.

- Certified Public Accountant or Charter Financial Analyst
- An associates or, preferably, a bachelors degree in accounting, business or finance.
- Financial professional certification
- At least five years proven experience managing investments as a fiduciary on another's behalf.
- Enrolled Member of the Ho-Chunk Nation

If you or another you know are interested and feel you are a good match for our current needs, please submit a letter of interest and extended resume to:

Ho-Chunk Nation
 CTF Task Force
 c/o Tari Pettibone
 PO Box 667
 Black River Falls, WI 54615

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST AND DEDICATION
 TO THE HO-CHUNK NATION, YOUR EXPERIENCE &
 EDUCATION WILL HELP TO PROTECT THE ASSETS OF
 OUR MINOR CHILDREN!

2011 General Council Resolutions

RESOLUTION SUBMISSION SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURES RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to further debate, fairness, informed decisions and to better insure the dissemination of important information to Ho-Chunk General Council Members, resolution will only be accepted through the Office of General Council under the following schedules and procedures. Office of the General Council shall mail submitted resolutions and comment to all Ho-Chunk General Council members. The Office of General Council may set the order of the agenda items threw a mailed response form from General Council members.

Resolution Submission Schedule and Procedures

Annual Meeting

Resolution Submission Deadline Cutoff
120 days before date of Annual Meeting

Office Mails Submitted Resolutions Booklet
105 days before date of Annual Meeting

Resolution Comment Submission Cutoff

45 days before date of Annual Meeting
Office Mails Submitted Comments Booklet
30 days before date of Annual Meeting

Emergency Resolution

Emergency resolutions shall only be removals, recalls or resolutions regarding actions occurring within 150 days before the date of the Annual Meeting. Emergency resolutions can be added to the agenda from the floor.

Special Meeting (if time permitting)

Resolution Submission Deadline Cutoff
75 days date of Special Meeting
Office Mails Submitted Resolutions Booklet
60 days from date of Special Meeting

Resolution Comment Submission Cutoff
35 days from date of Special Meeting

Office Mails Submitted Comments Booklet
20 days from date of Special Meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that above requested actions for the Executive and Legislative branches of government shall take place within 90 days after this resolution is passed by General Council. Failure to take action within 90 days shall constitute malfeasance as defined in the Ho-chunk Nation Constitution.

Submitted by Matthew Mullen

RESOLUTION REGARDING THEFT BY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION WHO COMMIT CRIMES OF THEFT AGAINST THE NATION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the express policy of the Nation is to pursue full restitution and press criminal charges against any elected, appointed official or employee of the Nation who is convicted of theft under State, Federal, or Tribal law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any restitution sought on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation shall be recoverable from the convicted member's per capita payments. The Ho-Chunk Nation shall ensure that all constitutional due process is provided before seeking any restitution.

Submitted by Antoinette Horak

RESOLUTION FOR A GENERAL COUNCIL PROCEDURAL MOTION THAT NO MEMBER MAY MAKE A MOTION TO ADJOURN GENERAL COUNCIL UNTIL THE AGENDA IS COMPLETE

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be effective immediately for the 2011 General Council, and shall remain effective prospectively until repealed by a supermajority of General Council.

Submitted by Amanda DeCora and Shane Davis

RESOLUTION REGARDING USE OF APPLE COMPUTERS BY THE HO-CHUNK NATION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Nation's express policy shall be use of Macintosh computers and specifically I-pad comput-

ers when possible and feasible by all Department within the Nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Nation shall conduct a feasibility study on the cost to convert to I-pads. This study shall be performed by the President or his delegate. The President or his delegate shall prepare a written report on this feasibility study and present it at the 2012 General Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if it is cost effective, the Nation shall convert to Apple computers. In any event, the President or his delegate will present a written report on the cost and the timeline to implement the conversion to Apple computers at the 2012 General Council meeting.

Submitted by Antoinette Horak

RESOLUTION - REQUEST THAT THE LEGISLATURE CREATE A HEALTH CARE ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM FOR TRIBAL ELTERS 55 AND OLDER WHO HAVE SERIOUS HEATH PROBLEMS, WHO ARE DISABLED, INELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE, AND LACK ACCESS TO TRIBAL HEALTH CLINICS.

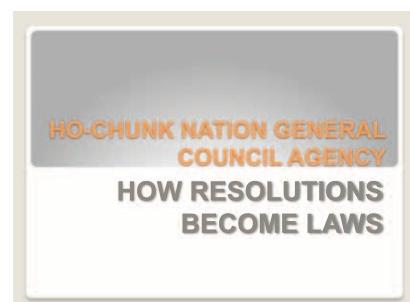
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Council hereby requests that the Executive Director of the Health Department shall prepare a budget for this resolution, and take any and all actions necessary to implement this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President shall direct the Executive Branch to amend any and all policies, procedures, and guidelines requiring any Legislation must contain a provision that a search was performed and that it does not conflict with General Council Resolutions.

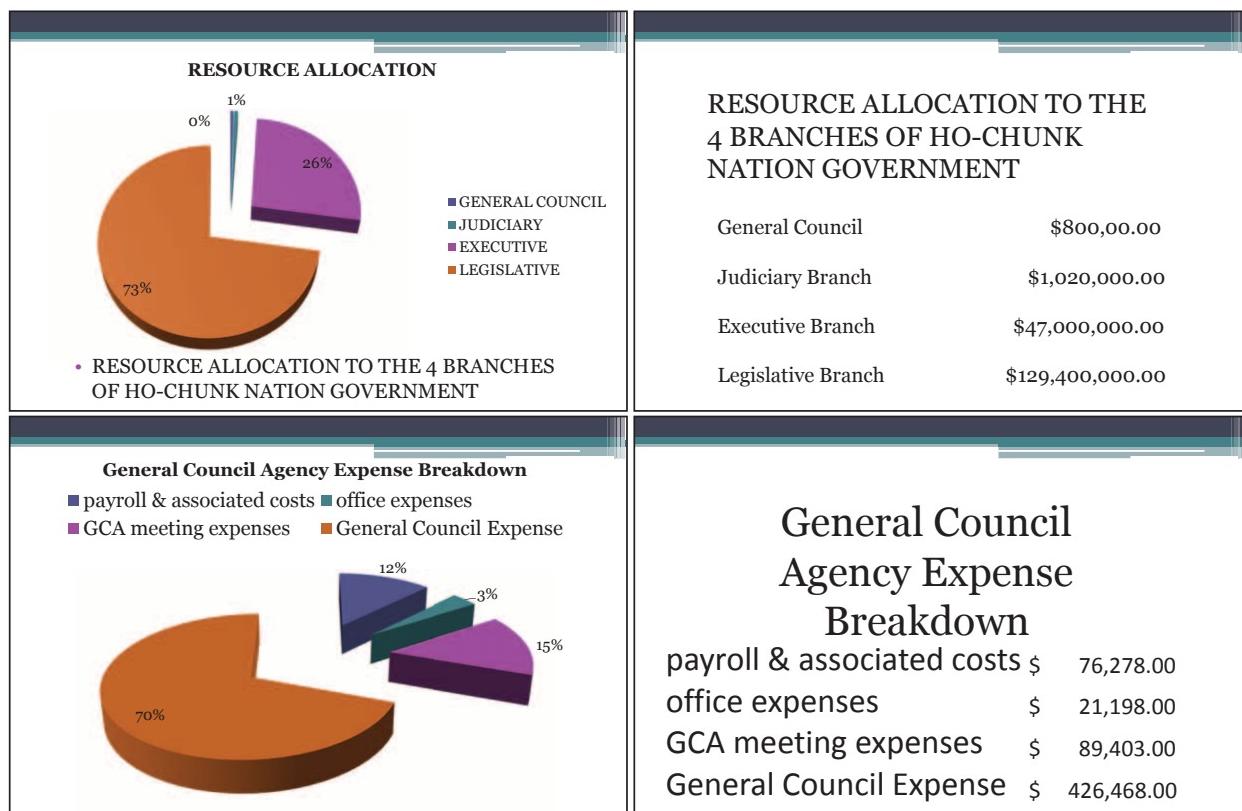
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Health Department shall prepare a monthly report and submit this report to General Council Agency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that above requested actions for the Executive and Legislative branches of government shall take place within 90 days after this resolution is passed by General Council. Failure to take action within 90 days shall constitute malfeasance as defined in the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution.

Submitted by Bonnie Smith



Resource Allocation



Resolutions continued

RESOLUTION No. 09/17/11

DISENROLLMENT OF ENROLLED HO-CHUNK NATION TRIBAL MEMBERS

TO BE ADDRESSED FIRST (1ST) ON THE AGENDA UNDER NEW BUSINESS AT ANY AND ALL DULY CALLED SPECIAL OR ANNUAL MEETING(S) OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION GENERAL COUNCIL

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Agency respectfully requests that all resolutions pertaining to the disenrollment of an enrollment Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member be addressed first (1st) on the meeting agenda under new business during any and all duly called special or annual meeting(s) of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council.

This resolution was submitted by the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Justice on behalf of the Enrollment Committee on March 13, 2011.

RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION REPEALING AMENDMENT V, WHICH REQUIRES A BACHELORS DEGREE FOR LEGISLATORS

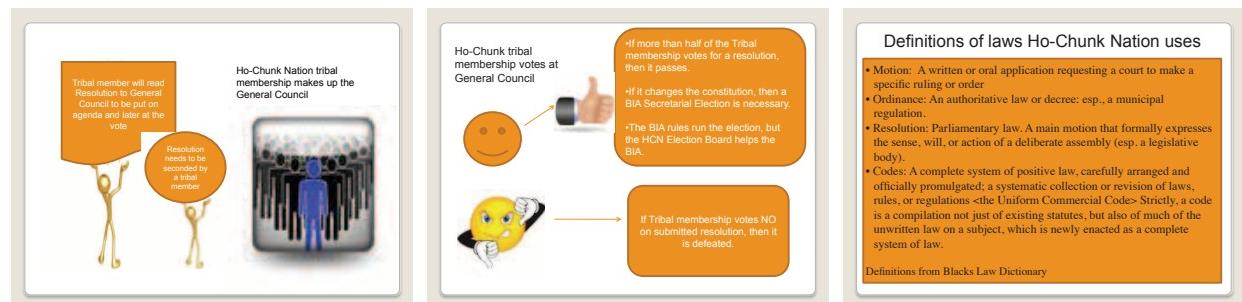
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AMENDMENT V is repealed in its entirety.

ARTICLE V-LEGISLATURE

Section 7. Qualifications

Members of the Legislature shall be at least twenty five (25) years old and eligible to vote and shall possess a four-year baccalaureate degree conferred by an accredited institution of higher education. No person shall become a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature if otherwise employed by the Ho-Chunk Nation. No person convicted of a felony shall serve as a Legislator unless pardoned.

Submitted by Robert Fummaker





Veterans Healthy Living Fair

Thursday October 6th Noon to 8:00 p.m.

And

Saturday October 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: V.A. gym; Building 15 on 4th Street of the V.A. campus
There will be booths related to many services offered at the V.A.; many educational booths and a vast array of people to assist you with health questions, concerns and information to promote health and wellness. Flu vaccines will be provided to Veterans attending. Some areas that will be at the Fair are pharmacy, advanced directive information, home care services available, Women's health, tobacco cessation, exercise information, My Healthe Vet info and sign up, weight loss, homelessness information, VA Police with safety materials including gun locks, mental health services information and much more. We will have door prizes and refreshments.

For more information contact

Darci Kolb, MSN, FNP-BC; Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Program Manager; Tomah V.A.
608-372-3971 extension 64097 or 1-800-872-8662 extension 64097

2011 District 1 Community Center 2nd Annual "Who's Got Game?"

One on One Basketball Tournament Invitational

Saturday Morning - September 10, 2011- 10 a.m.

Who's the best player in the Community?



This is a Double Elimination Tournament. Games will go to 30 points. Each player is allowed one timeout per game. Names for the tournament will be drawn at random.

The Champion will get a trophy and their name will be engraved on a trophy plaque to be kept at the District 1 Community Center, **Forever...**

Support your favorite players and watch the best native basketball players around!



Dried Sweet CORN

**For sale
\$24/quart**

For more information contact:
**Russell St. Cyr
712-202-8201**



ENROLLMENT & MATCH SPECIALIST



Big Brothers Big Sisters of the 7 Rivers Region is seeking a person with excellent interpersonal and leadership skills and a strong work ethic to develop a site based mentoring program in partnership with the Ho-Chunk Nation in Black River Falls, WI. Responsibilities will include recruiting and screening volunteer Big Brothers and Big Sisters, supporting ongoing matches and building community partnerships to obtain volunteers and other resources. Bachelor's degree in social services or related field required. Must have knowledge of the Ho-Chunk Nation culture, language and traditions, and be sensitive to the needs of Ho-Chunk students. Half-time position, work from home is possible. Starting salary is \$12.00 per hour. Position description available at: www.7riversbbs.org.

Please send resume and cover letter to: Executive Director, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the 7 Rivers Region, 1707 Main St., Suite 438, La Crosse, WI 54601 by 4:30 pm,

September 13, 2011. Late applications will not be accepted.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the 7 Rivers Region is an equal opportunity employer.

Department of Administration Board of Directors Vacancies

The Department of Administration is currently seeking any individuals interested in filling the vacancies on the Department of Administration Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will serve in an advisory capacity to the Executive Director, be involved in the Department's strategic planning and consulted during the development of the Department's annual goals and objectives.

Qualifications:

Board of Directors shall have the requisite skills, knowledge, and education to provide professional and expert advise and recommendations to the Executive Director, per 1 HCC § 2. Interested individuals may submit their resume to Virginia Deford, Executive Administrative Assistant, P.O. Box 664, Black River Falls, WI 54615.

WisDOT Annual Tribal Transportation Conference Working Together Through Collaboration

Location:

**Menominee Casino Resort
N277 HWY
47/55
Keshena, WI**



Save the Date

**Tuesday, September 20
and
Wednesday, September 21, 2011
8:30 am—4:00 pm**

Agenda Highlights:

- Community development and partnerships
- Cultural resources and environmental protection
- Safety and management

Who should attend?

- Tribe government officials
- Elected government officials
- Environmental, transportation, and planning staff at the Tribal, state and local levels
- WisDOT administrators, employees, project managers
- Transportation industry contractors, consultants, and businesses

For more conference information: <http://www.wissttc.org/>



Back to school

Submitted by
Kelly Funmaker, BRF JOM

On August 18, the Black River Falls JOM/IEC gave away backpacks with school supplies to its 2011-12 students. "Shopping a few days before the Back to School Bash was fun and organizing the 216 backpacks was done with the help of four parent members," said Denise Redbird, JOM parent member.

The Black River Falls JOM/IEC wanted to make sure the basic necessities were covered for every student who is signed up. Parent members enjoyed watching the students look through their backpacks with excitement and felt good knowing that the committee can help out the kids and their families by lessening the burden of school supply needs. After shopping for over six hours and buying out the school supplies at Walmart, otherwise known as Wally World, it was well worth the time.

It was a gorgeous day to get together with parents and students, have a delicious cookout and take some pictures before the school year commences. The turnout was great and with good planning skills this event will take place every year! Thanks parents for your contribution of volunteering. Good luck to all of our students, study and play hard in all your academic endeavors.



Area 1 students posing with their new backpacks.



Students and parents filling out paper work for JOM/IEC and enjoying a meal



Grillmasters Tyrell Boyd and Chavo Stumblingbear.

The 14th Annual Bert Funmaker Golf Memorial

Submitted by Gary Hall

The 14th Annual Bert Funmaker Memorial HAGA outing was held at Castle at the Bay Golf Resort near Necedah, Wisconsin on Saturday, August 20th, 2011.

The family of Bert Funmaker hosted the event in which forty-eight golfers had the opportunity to play replica golf course holes the PGA pros play. As a golfer, Bert was one of the original promoters for the HAGA Tour

to get people interested in the game of golf, both young and old within the Ho-Chunk Nation. Until recently his wife Myrtle was active on the tour participating in golf outings, as an inspiration to others as a Ho-Chunk Elder in her young eighties. Although she was unable to attend the event, she relayed her gratitude to all the golfers for their participation in her husband's memory.

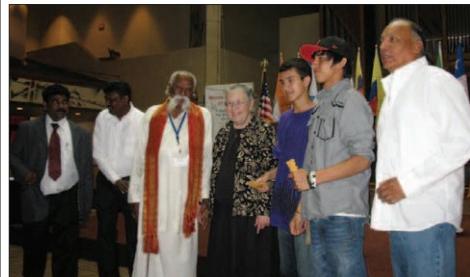
Once again, the weather was ideal as golfers took

to the 18 hole "best ball" scramble format where sand bunkers and water hazards came into play. 12 teams competed for various flag events sponsored by friends and relatives and of course bragging rights! On this day the team of Ron Anawash, Cal Decorah, Dawn Wagner, and Ralph Snake took first place honors with a 7 under 65 score. Only one youth James Bird participated in this venue.



(l - r): Ron Anawash, Cal Decorah, James Bird, Dawn Wagner and Ralph Snake.

Poets meet



Submitted by The Wisconsin Dells Youth and Learning Center – August 31, 2011

The 31st World Congress of Poets held this year's conference in Kenosha, WI. During this four day gathering, poets from over twenty countries attended the event held at the Carthage College campus. The World Congress of Poets was organized in 1969 in Manila, Philippines to promote world solidarity and peace through poetry, and the gathering together of poets from all over the world to share their words and ideas.

Among this year's guest speakers were three local Ho-Chunk tribal members representing not only the Ho-Chunk Nation, but also the Wisconsin Dells Youth and Learning Center. They were the only Native artists in attendance. Youth

co-coordinator and writer Sherman Funmaker, and teen rappers/poets Mister Walker and Theodore Brown shared their words and beats with the several hundred in attendance. Walker and Brown rapped about Native life and encouraged the crowd to look past color and prejudice. The duo was warmly welcomed and embraced by the mostly foreign crowd. The WCP event also included visits to Milwaukee, Lacrosse, Blue Mounds and Wisconsin Dells. The Ho-Chunk representatives were invited to next year's conference, which will be held in Argentina. This was only the second time Walker and Brown had performed before an audience, the first being only two weeks prior when they spoke at an open microphone session in Baraboo WI.

The Ho-Chunk Youth Marathon Runners Against Drunk Driving

The Ho-Chunk Youth Marathon Runners came into existence in part by a series of events. Coach Erwin Begay is a member of the Navajo Nation. One of the things he enjoys doing is running. He entered and finished the Honolulu Marathon in 1994. During his run he started thinking of the possibility of having a Native American Squad of Youth Runners compete in this event. Ideas flowed through his mind "maybe they could post their Nations Tribal Flag to show the other runners from around the world who they are and where they came from." He thought that Alcohol and Drugs was running rampant throughout the U.S. and that a lot of Native American youth were using out of fear of not fitting in with the in-crowd or unable to deal with the realities of life. He knew that they needed another option in life, something they could do on their own and didn't cost a lot of money. Running could help the youth, by focusing their minds on something positive it would also bring their inner strengths to the forefront.

Coach Begay was still in the Army and he had to focus on the job at hand, but still in the back of his mind was this

dream of his. After retiring from the Army, Coach Begay and his wife Faye moved back to her tribal homelands in Wisconsin, she is a member of the Ho Chunk Nation. He tried a couple of jobs on to see how they would fit, they just didn't feel comfortable, and he was searching for that special job. Finally a position opened up in the Ho-Chunk Nation for a Youth Coordinator; this was the one he wanted. He applied for the job and was hired.

While in this position, his job took him through a rural

Ho-Chunk Community, on dusty gravel back road coach witnessed a young Ho-Chunk female as she was doing one of her workouts, her name was Louella Blackdeer. Coach Begay thought to himself if there's one runner out here could there be more? An old dream surfaced from the recesses of his memory. Coach Begay then asked around to see if there was

an interest in the Ho-Chunk community to form a squad of Ho-Chunk Youth Runners. At first the interest level of the community was low, but still a couple of individuals stepped forward and were sincere about running, one of them was Louella. Coach Begay put together a training schedule and told the parents they had to be involved with their children's training - no late nights and a good diet. Not only did the youth have to run and

keep track of their progress, but they also had to do well in school. If their grades fell they would be removed from the team. He also set a goal for the team; they would be training for the 1999 Honolulu Marathon, they would only have four months to prepare for this 26-mile event. The families trained together rain or shine and they held fund-raisers, they encouraged each other and they believed in themselves, as they worked towards their goal - Honolulu.



On August 27th, 14 youth runners and 5 (old -timers) RADD TEAM members that are now adults, met at the Black River Falls Walmart parking lot, bright and early at 8am, to begin training for the annual Honolulu Marathon. "We currently have 22 youth in training and 8 old-timers. We have had 100% completion rate with a total so far of 58 individual runners," said Lani Blackdeer. Since 1999, the RADD team has ran in the Honolulu marathon in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2009, and 2010. In 2002, they also ran in the Chicago Marathon and Green Bay Relay Marathon. Good Luck runners!

Thundercloud Youth Golf Academy

Submitted by
Quentin Thundercloud

The academy was again going to be an exciting season for the youth that were selected for the golf season. Recruiting began in March and there were 6 youth applying for membership.

An application was submitted by the youth that included a questionnaire that reflected their future educational goals, accomplishments thus far, examples of completing tasks and sticking to completion of projects, and a personal interview.

Following the selection process each student with their parents signed an agreement to work together as child and parent in completing the course. The majority of the students were from the Wisconsin Dells area. So our golf lessons were located in Mauston at the Castle Rock golf course.

A fund-raising project was started in April to provide the funding needed to support the program. The parents of the selected students also assisted in the sales of the scratch cards. There were also some members of the community

that helped in the fund-raiser. A big thank you to two supporters: Molly Paulette and Leroy King from Oneida. A golf scratch off card was used in the fund-raiser.

The winners of the prizes were as follows: 1st - Sue Brown won a Golf Bag, 2nd - Shirley Lonetreewon a Red Pendleton, 3rd - Hayna Awad won a Star Quilt, 4th - Monica Cloud won a Blue Pendleton, 5th - Brian Decorah won Callaway golf balls, 6th - Carolyn Lewis won a Putter, and 7th -

Greg Bird won a Golf Bag.

The Graduation for the Academy took place September 6, 2011 and was held at the Castle Rock golf course in Mauston, Wisconsin.

Just a note of importance, Julia White, who was a graduate of the Golf Academy last year was a silver medalist in golf at the Indigenous Games held in Milwaukee this summer. I am very proud to have helped in her accomplishing some of lifetime goals.



(l-r): Quentin Thundercloud, Ramsey Awad, Terrence Cleveland, Anthony Greencrow, Arianna Greencrow, and Andy Thundercloud.



(l-r): Ramsey Awad, Terrence Cleveland, Anthony Greencrow and Arianna Greencrow.

Thundercloud Youth Golf Academy

